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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. LIBYA: CIVILIAN OFFICIALS ANXIOUS ABOUT QADHAFI'S
RULE

EMBASSY TRIPOLI REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT QADHAFI CONTINUES TO
MAKE POLICY DECISIONS VIRTUALLY ALONE. HIS ROLE IS SUCH
THAT TOP FINANCE OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY COMPLAINED PRIVATELY
TO A WESTERN NEWSMAN THAT THEY HAVE NO CONTROL WHATSOEVER
OVER SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET.

THESE CIVILIAN OFFICIALS APPARENTLY APPROVE OF THE CURRENT
PACE AND DIRECTION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND, TO A LESSER
DEGREE, OF QADHAFI'S FIRM STANCE ON MIDEAST ISSUES. THEY
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ARE INCREASINGLY APPREHENSIVE, HOWEVER, ABOUT:

--LIBYA'S CONSTANT CONFRONTATIONS WITH OTHER ARAB
NATIONS;

--QADHAFI'S INSISTENCE ON HIS OWN INTERPRETATION OF
ISLAM;

--THE TREND TOWARD CLOSER TIES WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES;

--LIBYA'S INVOLVEMENT WITH FAR-FLUNG LIBERATION MOVEMENTS;

--LIBYAN "AID" TO COUNTRIES AND GROUPS WHO SUPPORT QADHAFI'S DREAMS OF WORLD INFLUENCE; AND

--THE GOVERNMENT'S HIGH LEVEL OF MILITARY SPENDING.

IN SHORT, THERE IS A GENERAL BELIEF THAT QADHAFI'S MEGALOMANIA SHOULD NOT BE FUELED INDEFINITELY WITH LIBYA'S MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCE--OIL, A LIMITED ASSET WHICH SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO MORE ENDURING INVESTMENTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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